

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—About two years back or a year back.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Does the answer mean that there were no permanent or temporary vacancies since then for the last two years? In sub-division (f) it is stated that there were no permanent or long standing vacancies.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was not granted then because there was no vacancy. If there is no vacancy and if the District Magistrate recommends any name or the same name it is not usual to consider such proposals. Such proposals are considered generally only when the proposal is made along with the vacancy. There was no vacancy at the time and therefore he was replied, better wait and report if necessary, when a vacancy actually arises.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—I want to know whether there were vacancies since then and whether their claims were still overlooked?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no claim to be overlooked.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Were their names ignored even in those cases?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice to say whether there have been vacancies to which these people could have been appointed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can the House take it for granted that when permanent vacancies occur such exemptions will be granted on the recommendation of Departmental Heads?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Only on such occasions are they granted. But it does not follow that it will be followed generally.

Article in Mahathi—nomination—Poomangalam Panchayat.

115. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether its attention has been drawn to the article in the Mahathi headed “അധികാര വ്യതിചലനം” in its issue dated 4th Thulam 1108;

(b) is the allegation that of the three nominations one used to be given to each of the villages Poomangalam, Vadakkumkara and Thekkumkara true;

(c) was not such the practice from the very beginning;

(d) were all the three nominations made this time from the Poomangalam village;

(e) who are the Members nominated;

(f) if the answer to (d) is in the affirmative, was it because of a paucity of competent men from the other villages;

(g) is not Thekkumkara a strong hold of Mohammdans in the Panchayat group;

(h) how many houses (approximate) of Christians and Mohammdans there are in that village;

(i) who is the Member nominated for that village and from which village is he taken;

(j) are not the four elected Members the same persons who took part in the proceedings mentioned in answer, sub-division (IV) of question No. 119 of the the Budget Session of Karkadagam 1107;

(k) was the election contested;

(l) are not the elected Members the same who were elected for the previous Panchayat;

(m) was there a petition from the elected Members against any of the nominated Members;

(n) will a copy of the petition be placed on the Council Table;

(o) has the election of the President been stopped by order of the Diwan?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) Yes. It is presumed that 4th Thulam is a mistake for 6th Thulam.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) There is a complaint that all the three Members belong to Poomangalam. Government have ordered a fresh enquiry into the matter.

(e) (i) Mr. Mazhuvancheri Parambat Chakku Kunji Paily, Thekkumkara.

(ii) Mr. Andikot Mani Unniran (*alias*) Unni, Poomangalam.

(iii) Chirayath Payammal Kunjicheria Poulouse, Vadakkumkara.

(f) Please see answer to sub-division (d).

(g) Yes.

(h) Mohammdan houses 250.
Christian houses 10.

(i) (1) Mr. Mazhuvancheri Parambat Chakku Kunji Paily;
(2) The matter is under further enquiry.

(j) Yes.

(k) No.

(l) No. Out of the four elected Members, only two were elected Members in the last reconstitution. Two were nominated.

(m) Yes.

(n) Yes. A copy is appended. (*Appendix VIII*).

(o) Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—The answer is “there is a complaint that all the three Members belong to Poomangalam. Government have ordered a fresh enquiry into the matter”. I should like to know from the Government whether the officer responsible for these three nominations did as a matter of fact know to which village these different nominees belong?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The officer responsible knew to which villages these nominees belonged according to the Panchayat rules and Regulations.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—To which villages do these gentlemen belong?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—That is a matter which is said to be under enquiry. The point is that the nomination made has been questioned and the matter has been ordered to be under enquiry. At this stage Government cannot say one way or the other.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—The enquiry is with regard to complaints subsequently received. My question is whether at the time of making the nominations, the Registrar of Panchayats who was responsible for the nomination did as a matter of fact know to which village each of the nominees belonged.

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes, he knew.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Do they not all belong to the Poomangalam village?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—According to the Panchayat rules and Regulations they did not all belong to the Poomangalam village.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—According to the Panchayat rules?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—I will explain it, Sir.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Some explanation is necessary.

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—According to the Panchayat rules and Regulations, if a member has got possession of immoveable property registered in his name and if he has a house ready for occupation in which his servants live and he occasionally lives, he is considered to be a resident of that village. Judged by these rules the nominations made are justified.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know under what class the gentleman mentioned here, Mr. Mazhuvancheri Parambat Chakku Kunji Paily, Thekkumkara, belongs? Does he satisfy all these conditions?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Judged by these rules, he pays an assessment of over Rs. 25 in Thekkumkara. He has got a house

of his own in the village which is being occupied by his servants and in which he himself also resides occasionally. So he belongs to the Thekkumkara village.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is stated in answer to (h) that there are 250 Muhammadan houses and 10 Christian houses. Was there not amongst these Muhammadans, persons competent to be nominated?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Oh yes. There may have been. But nominations are given to minority communities and as such it was given to the 10 houses of Christians.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is not the Muslim considered to be a minority community?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—There are 260 Musalman houses as against 10 Christian houses. So the Christians form a minority community.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—The fact that there are 250 Musalman houses, is that a disqualification for a muslim to be nominated? Is there any Muhammadan elected?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is not a disqualification. But nominations are generally given to minority communities and judged by that standard in this particular case, a Christian had to be preferred.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Amongst the elected members is there any Muslim?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—There is no Muslim among the elected members.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Did any Muslaman stand?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—No Muslaman stood for election.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Was there any contested election?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—There was no contested election either.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Was it not due to their backwardness that they did not stand?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—No. They were on the contrary dissuaded from standing. That is my extra official information.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Are there no Muslim houses?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—There are 250 houses.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—At the time of the nominations did it not strike that no Muslim has been elected?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—No Muslim stood for election.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was it not necessary therefore to nominate a Muslim member?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The presumption was that the Musalmans of that village did not care to be represented. For if they wished they could have very well stood for election.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Among the elected members was there any Muslim gentleman? Are not the two elected members Christian gentlemen?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes, they are.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Then where was the necessity to nominate a Christian from a Muslim village?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—I have not caught that question properly.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—The elections did not bring any Musalman. Through nominations two Christian gentlemen were also selected. Was there any additional necessity to have a third Christian member from a village which consists of 250 Muslim houses and 10 Christian houses?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—I beg to correct the Member. There were only 2 Christians and not three. Mr. Mazhavancheri Parambat Chakku Kurji Paily and Chirayath Payammal Kunjicheria Poulouse are Christians. The other is an Ezhuva.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Having had one Christian gentleman already where was the necessity to ignore the Muslims?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—There was only one man to be nominated and I preferred the minority.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there any special reason for such a preference?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Certainly minority communities should be protected.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it the rule that minority communities should be represented?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes, that is the general rule by which we guide ourselves.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was there any request from any other community for nomination?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—No.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is it not the rule that unrepresented communities should be represented?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes, unrepresented as well as unrepresentable communities.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—There is a petition regarding this. At what stage does it stand?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Enquiries have been made and the results are that the petition is groundless and frivolous.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has the President's election been notified?

Deputy President.—Does that come under this question?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Appendix VIII—In the petition, regarding the gentleman from Vadakkumkara it is

stated that for the reason that he has a contagious disease, the election has to be put off, since the Members are not in a position to attend the election and that the President's election should be postponed. Has the President's election been subsequently notified?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The President's election was postponed not because of the petition about the particular individual. There was a general petition and it has not been subsequently notified.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is the general petition disposed of?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is under enquiry.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Hon'ble Member say who are all the elected members—of what community?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Of the four elected members, three were from the Nair Community and one from the Brahmin community.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—And who were nominated?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is in the answer itself.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Why was no Muhammadan nominated?

Deputy President.—He gave a reply.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—The question was why no Muhammadan was nominated for Vadakkumkara. There are now one Ezhuvu and 2 Christians. Why a Muhammadan was not nominated is the question. The question hitherto asked was why no Muhammadan was nominated for Thekkumkara.

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Thekkumkara was the stronghold of the Musalmans. Therefore I did not nominate.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—From the Ezhuvu community?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—No Ezhuvu member was hitherto nominated.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—So, this is the first time that you nominate an Ezhuvu.

Supply of Books, etc.—Depressed Class pupils.

116. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—താഴെ എഴുതുന്നവർക്കു ഗവണ്മെന്റ് ഭയവായി മറുപടി പറയാമോ.—

(എ) അധഃകൃത വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കു പുസ്തകം മുതലായവ സപ്ലൈ ചെയ്യുവാൻ മിസ്റ്റർ ഉണ്ണിപാറൻ വൈദികർ എത്ര സംഖ്യ കൊടുത്തുണ്ടു്;

(ബി) ടിയാൻ കമ്മീഷനങ്ങോ;

(സി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എന്തു്?

രാമവർമ്മമ്പുരാൻ.—(എ) അധഃകൃതവിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കു പുസ്തകം മുതലായവ സപ്ലൈ ചെയ്യുവാനു് 6,000 ക. കൊടുത്തുണ്ടു്.

APPENDIX VIII

(Vide answer to Question No. 115)

മ. രാ. രാ. വല്ലേജ് പഞ്ചായത്ത് റജിസ്ട്രാർ അവർകൾക്ക്.

പുരംഗലം പഞ്ചായത്തിലേക്കു പൊതുജനങ്ങളാൽ തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കപ്പെട്ട താഴെ ചേരേണ്ടതില്ലാത്ത ഒപ്പിടുന്ന മെമ്പർമാർ അറിയിക്കുന്നതു്.

ഞങ്ങളുടെ പഞ്ചായത്തിലേക്കു് ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിൽ നിന്നും വടക്കുംകര വല്ലേജ് ലേക്കു നോമിനേഷൻ ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള മെമ്പർ പഞ്ചായത്ത് മെമ്പറായിരിക്കാൻ യോഗ്യതയല്ലാത്ത പക്ഷ്യവ്യാധി യോടു കൂടിയ ഒരാളാണെന്നറിയായിരിക്കുന്നതിനാൽ ൨൨-ാം-നു ഈ പഞ്ചായത്തിലേക്കു് പ്രസിഡണ്ടിനെ തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പാൻ നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള വാവരം മന്യ-ം, ൧൭-ം തീയതികളിൽ അറിയിപ്പു കിട്ടിയതിരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടും, മേൽപറഞ്ഞ കാരണങ്ങളാൽ ഞങ്ങൾക്കു് അന്നത്തെ യോഗത്തിൽ സന്നിഹിതരാകുവാൻ തരമില്ലെന്നുള്ള വാവരം അറിയാൻ താല്പര്യപ്പെടുന്നു.

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| ൩. | പി. ഗോവിന്ദമനോൻ | (ഒപ്പ്). |
| ൪. | എം. കുഞ്ഞികൃഷ്ണനായർ | (ഒപ്പ്). |